THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No death of livestock due to starvation has been reported by the State Governments. However, livestock have died due to old-age, malnutrition, diseases and other causes in drought-affected States. Such deaths were: Rajasthan—68,887; Gujarat—39,647; Maharashtra—4,854 and Kerala—26. Other States have not reported such deaths.

(b) No assistance is provided for replacement of livestock under drought relief programme. However, financial help is available for purchasing fresh stock under Plan programme like Integrated Rural Development Programme, Special Livestock Breeding Programme, etc.

(c) In the wake of drought 1987-88, the Central Government sanctioned financial grants for cattle conservation and fodder production to various drought-affected States. The State of Tamil Nadu was granted Rs. 87.50 lakhs for fodder production under a Contingency Plan, through which 19,978 small and marginal farmers were benefited.

सांसदों को कार्यालय के लिये स्थान तथा अन्य सुविधाओं का दिया जाना

1395. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या **संसदीय कार्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सांसदों को कार्यालय के लिए स्थान तथा कार्यालय सम्बन्धी अन्य सुविधाएं प्रदान करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री ए च०के०एल० भगत) : (क) और (ख) संसद सदस्यों को विभिन्न सुविधाएं संसद सदस्य वेतन और भत्ता संबंधी संयुक्त समिति की सिफारिशों के आधार पर दी जाती हैं। संयुक्त समिति ने सदस्यों को भत्ते और कार्यालय सुविधाएं दिए जाने के सम्बन्ध में कुछ सिफारिशें की है। इन सिफारिशों पर कार्रवाई की जा रही है।

Telecast of Serial 'Amir Khusro'

1396. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the criticism of serial 'Ameir Khusro' on Doordarshan as it distorts history by supporting the invasion on Temple of Somnath and commenting on Aryans as invaders; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Government have received some letters alleging distrortion of facts in the serial 'Amir Khusro'. A petition was filed in the Court for restraining Doordarshan from telecast of this serial. But the Hon'ble Court dismissed the case. The telecast of the serial continues.

Check on Nutritional Values of Fast Foods

1397. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a fast food boon in India which has been triggered by Defence Food Research Laboratory as published in 'the Sunday Observer' 3—9 July, 1988;

(b) whether any check on nutritional values of many fast foods are being conducted as compared with the original value of food before processing and if so, details thereof; and